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Help for Small Business

The Illinois Small Business Development Network is a dynamic, integrated small business assistance delivery system. The Network's mission is to increase the competitiveness, profitability and growth of Illinois business in a global economy.



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Illinois Small Business
Development Network
NORTH CENTRAL AREA

North Central Area

Could my business be more competitive? Where can I find professional assistance to stabilize my business, plan for the future or expand my current sales market? Should I be exporting? Can I compete for government contracts?

The answers to these and other business questions can be found within the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs' Illinois Small Business Development Network (ISBDN).

The ISBDN is designed to meet the management needs of Illinois' small businesses. The Network centers have teamed up with many business development groups whose primary mission is to contribute to the economic growth and development of Illinois companies.

The Network will provide or arrange for **confidential** one-on-one business counseling and specialized services. The Network centers offer a unique blend of both **public** and **private** professionals that will provide in-depth business counseling, specialized business assistance resources and quality training to enhance the success of your business.

Other DCCA Small Business Resources:

- Office of Womens Business Development (OWBD)
- Office of Minority Business Development (OMBD)
- First Stop Business Information Center
- Environmental Assistance
- Regulatory Assistance

SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Black Hawk College (1)

301 - 42nd Avenue
East Moline, IL 61244-4038
309/755-2200, ext. 211

Bradley University (2)

141 North Jobst Hall, 1st Floor
Peoria, IL 61625-0001
309/677-2992

Illinois Valley Community College (3)

815 North Orlando Smith
Avenue, Building 11
Oglesby, IL 61348-9692
815/223-1740

Kankakee Community College (4)

101 South Schuyler Avenue
Kankakee, IL 60901-7878
815/933-0376

Maple City Business & Technology Center (5)

620 South Main Street
Monmouth, IL 61462-2688
(309) 734-4664

Rock Valley College (6)

1220 Rock Street
Rockford, IL 61101-1437
815/968-4087

Sauk Valley Community College (7)

173 Illinois Route #2
Dixon, IL 61021-9188
815/288-5511, ext. 320

Western Illinois University (8)

214 Seal Hall
Macomb, IL 61455-1390
309/298-2211

PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL

ASSISTANCE CENTERS

Illinois Central College (9)

124 S.W. Adams Street,
Suite 300
Peoria, IL 61602-1388
309/676-7500, ext. 237

John Wood Community College (10)

301 Oak Street
Quincy, IL 62301-2500
217/228-5511

Rock Valley College (11)

Technology Center
3301 North Mulford Road
Room 262
Rockford, IL 61114-5640
815/654-5524

INTERNATIONAL TRADE CENTERS

Bradley University* (2)

141 North Jobst Hall
1st Floor
Peoria, IL 61625-0001
309/677-3075

* Also a NAFTA Opportunity Center

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I L L I N O I S
SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

Services Available

☐ Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)

General Business Assistance

- Access to Management Resources
- Technical or Training Resources
- Marketing Information
- Financing Opportunities
- Assistance with Financial Analysis
- Business Education and Workshops
- Licensing Information
- Productivity Assessment

☐ Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTAC)

Government Contracting Assistance

- Identify Appropriate Government Agencies
- Assistance with Bidder Applications
- Targeting Contracting Opportunities
- Bar Code and Packaging Information
- Government Standards and Specifications
- Quality Assurance Guidelines
- Contract Administration Information
- Information on Bid Requirements

☐ International Trade Centers (ITC)

Export Assistance

- Evaluation of Company's Export Readiness
- Access to Foreign Markets
- Export Financing Information
- Pricing and Transportation Information
- Foreign Trade Activities and Show Schedules
- International Market Resources and Trade Leads
- NAFTA Opportunity Centers

Illinois Business Assistance Line:
800/252-2923

TDD for the hearing impaired: 800/785-6055



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SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT NETWORK

North Central Area

See listing on reverse side for the name
of the center nearest you.



**For the location of centers in the rest of
the state, call 800/252-2923**



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